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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT RELEASES LABOR LEADERS

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1. FRANCISCO ANTONIO SANTOS AND EUGENIO PEREZ CEPEDA, TWO LEADERS OF THE LEFTIST CENTRAL GENERAL DE TRABAJADORES (CGT), WERE RELEASED FROM PRISON YESTERDAY. THEY HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN JUNE ALLEGEDLY IN CONNECTION WITH LANDING OF THREE DOMINICAN GUERRILLAS. ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT CHARGED THEM WITH CONSPAIRACY, THEY WERE NOT BROUGHT TO TRIAL. THEIR CASE HAS BEEN SOMETHING OF A CAUSE CELEBRE FOR LOCAL MEDIA. SEVERAL U.S. LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS HAD TAKEN UP CUDGELS FOR THEIR RELEASE. A THIRD CGT LEADER, JULIO DE PENA VALDEZ, ARRESTED WITH SANTO AND CEPEDA, HAD BEEN RELEASED ON OCTOBER 16. DURING AN EARLY DECEMBER MEETING WITH DE PENA VALDEZ, WHO IS ALSO A LEADER OF EXTREME LEFTIST MOVIMIENTO POPULAR DOMINICANO (MPD), PRESIDENT BALAGUER HAD SAID HE WOULD RELEASE THE TWO CGT LEADERS.

2. COMMENT. FREEING OF THE TWO CGT LEADERS, COMBINED WITH NOVEMBER 27 RELEASE OF TELEPHONE COMPANY WORKERS' UNION LEADER JUAN VARGAS, REMOVES CONSPICIOUS TARGETS OF CRITICISM OF GODR'S LABOR POLICIES BY U.S. LABOR AND HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS.

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